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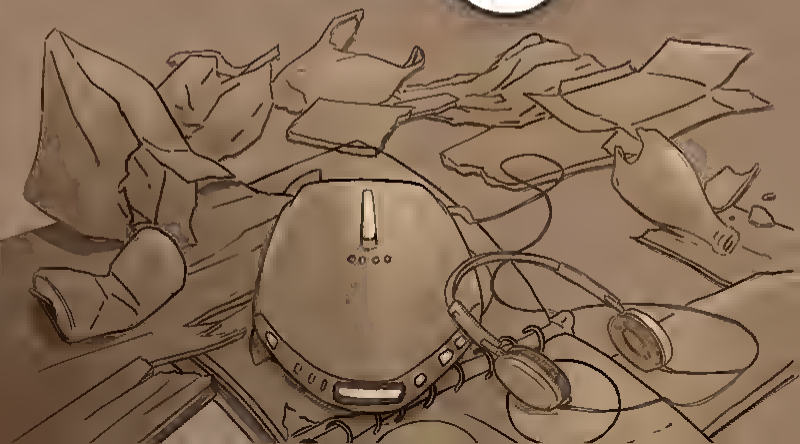
The Fall

22 years later

Check this out. Do you think it still works?

I dunno.

Icarus,
What's this device
called?



That device is a portable CD player.
It's an audio player used to play Compact Discs.

I think the power supply is toast.

Lemme see!
I'll get it to work!

hmmm...
So, are these thingies compact discs?

There's music in these?
Hey, pick one!

Let's play this

one!

IT WORKS!

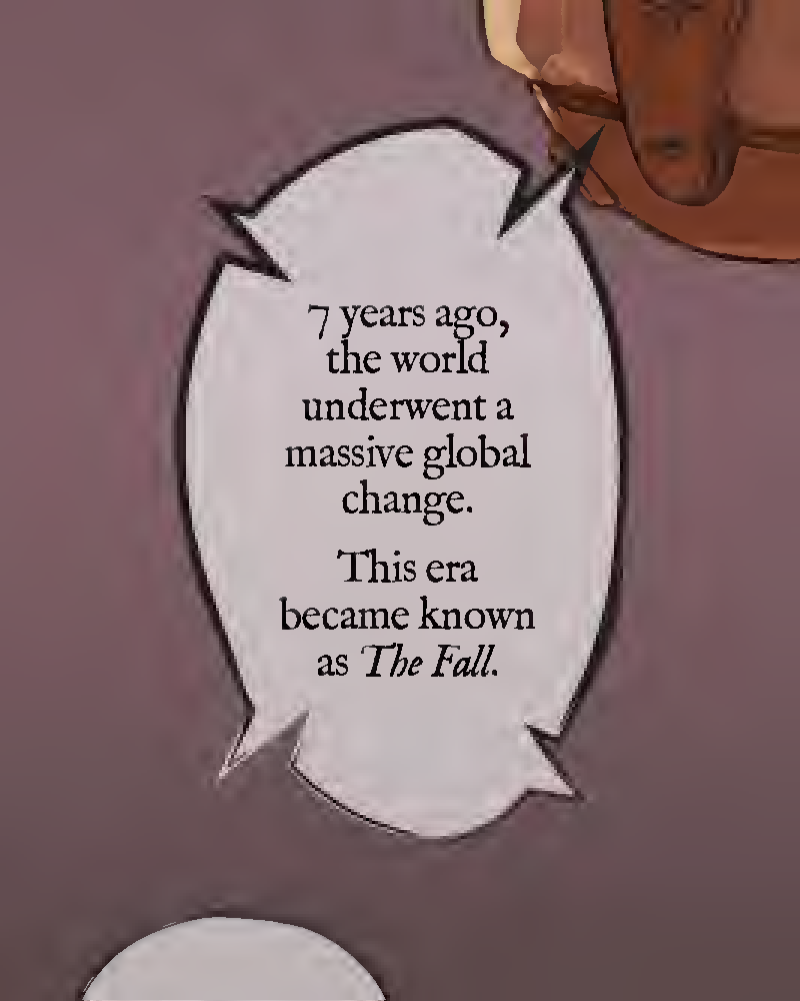
Lemme listen!!!
I wonder how old this technology

is...

Icarus, when was this music device made?

It was made in the late 1990's, a time before The Fall.

Icarus, when was The Fall?


7 years ago, the world underwent a massive global change.
This era became known as *The Fall*.

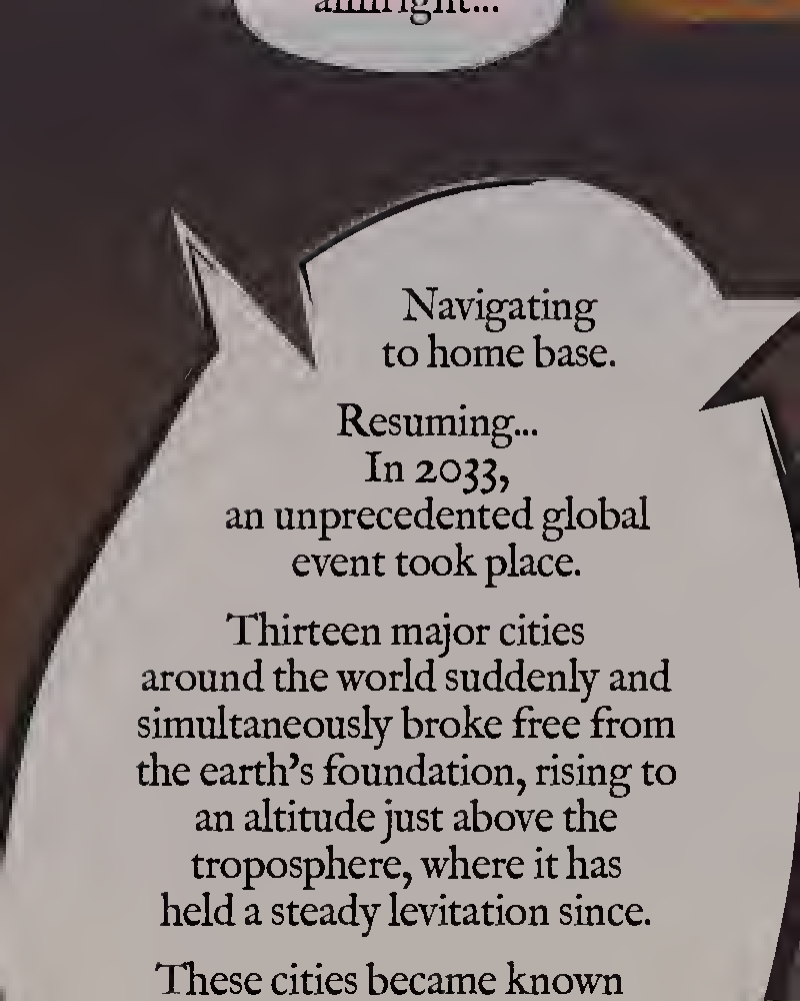
So what happened?

In 2033-

WARNING:
10% charge remaining.
System standby in one hour.
Returning to home base
is recommended.

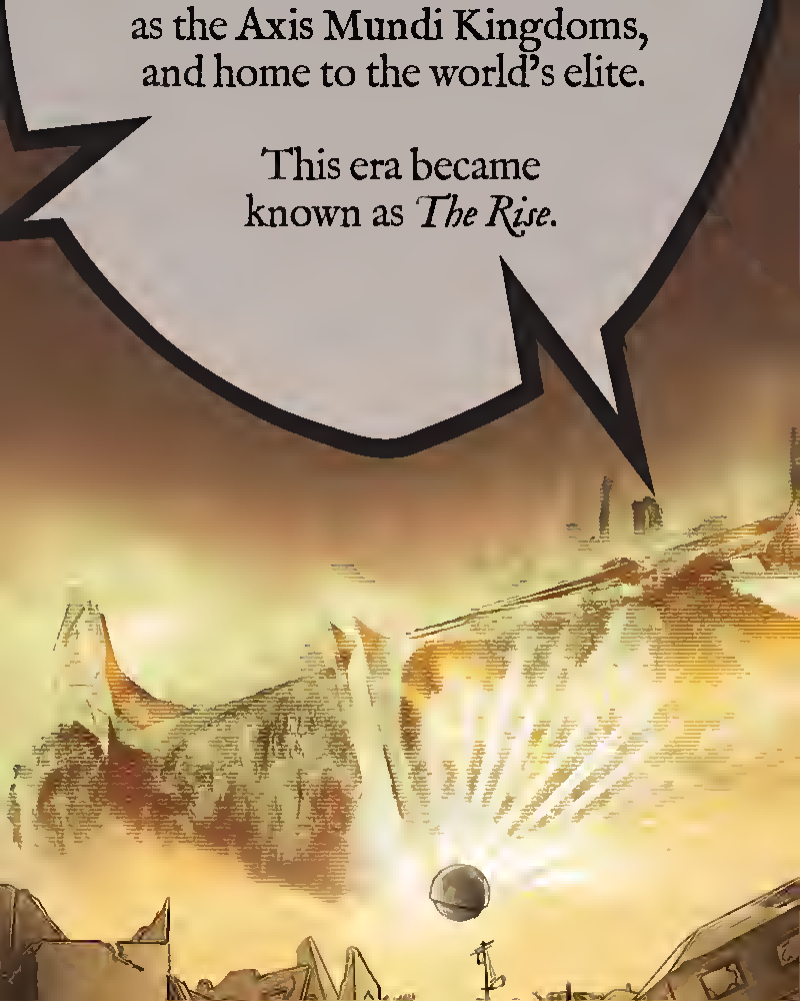
Please confirm.

alllright


Navigating to home base.
Resuming...
In 2033, an unprecedented global event took place.
Thirteen major cities around the world suddenly and simultaneously broke free from the earth's foundation, rising to an altitude just above the troposphere, where it has held a steady levitation since.
These cities became known

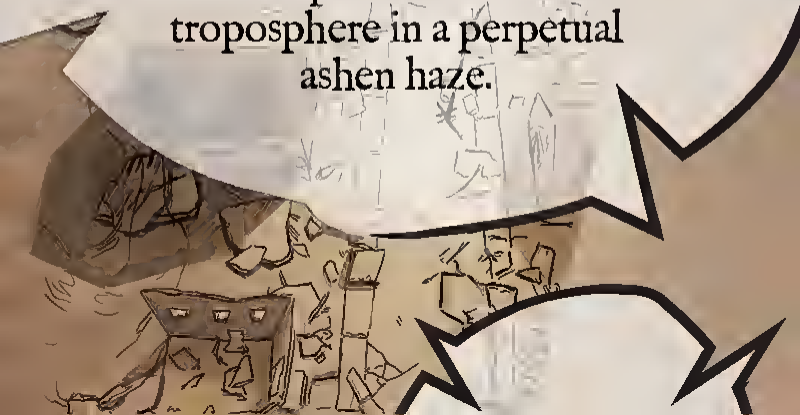
as the Axis Mundi Kingdoms,
and home to the world's elite.

This era became
known as *The Rise*.



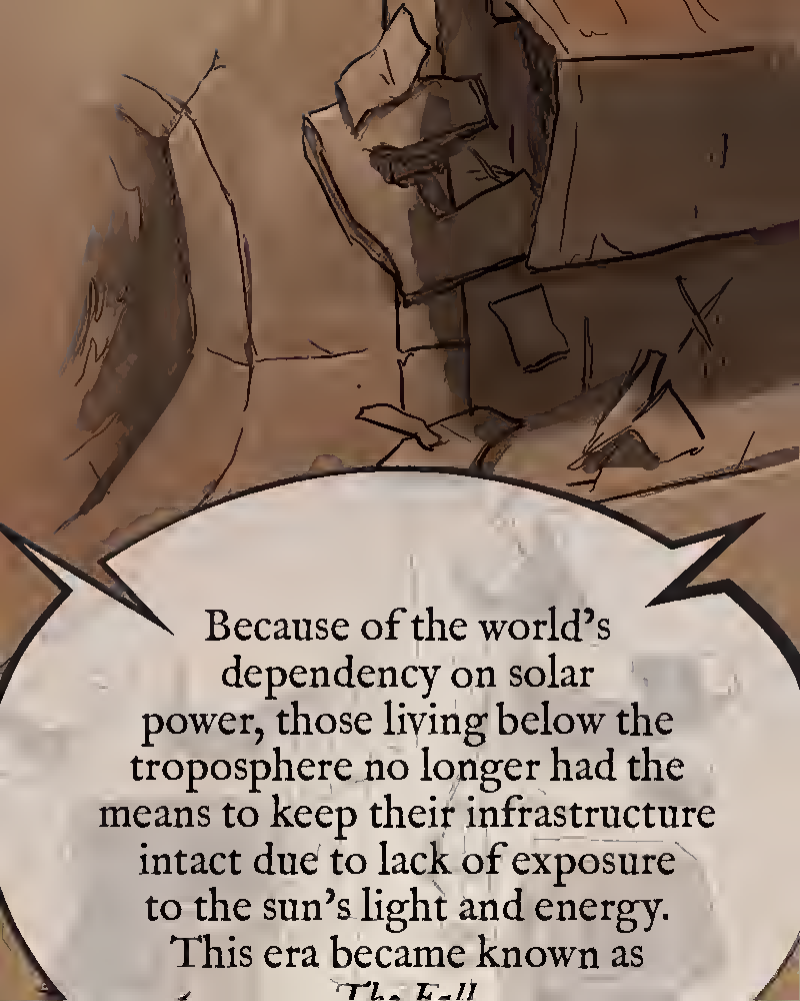
Modern society, government and infrastructure imploded as the Axis Mundi Kingdoms separated themselves from those left below.

Shortly thereafter, catastrophic natural disasters began to ravage the earth, blanketing the atmosphere below the troposphere in a perpetual ashen haze.

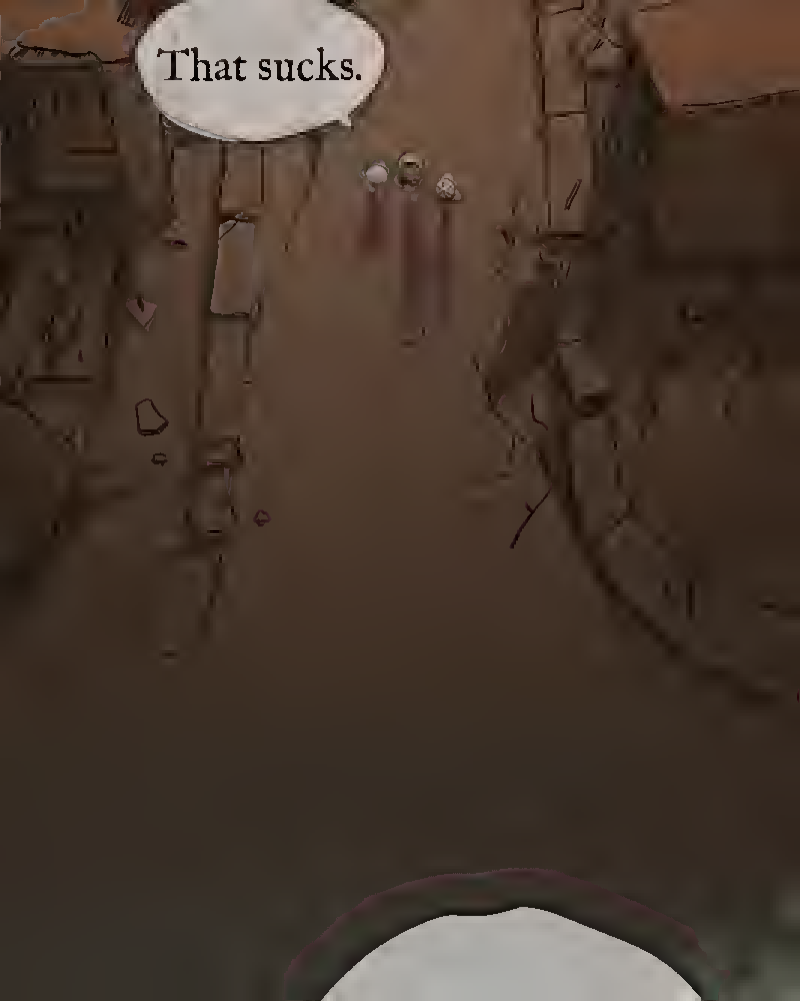


During the first 3 months following the event, nearly one quarter of the global population perished.

There is speculation that the antigravity technology levitating the Axis Mundi Kingdoms was the primary cause of extreme changes in atmospheric conditions.


Because of the world's dependency on solar power, those living below the troposphere no longer had the means to keep their infrastructure intact due to lack of exposure to the sun's light and energy. This era became known as

The Fall.


That sucks.

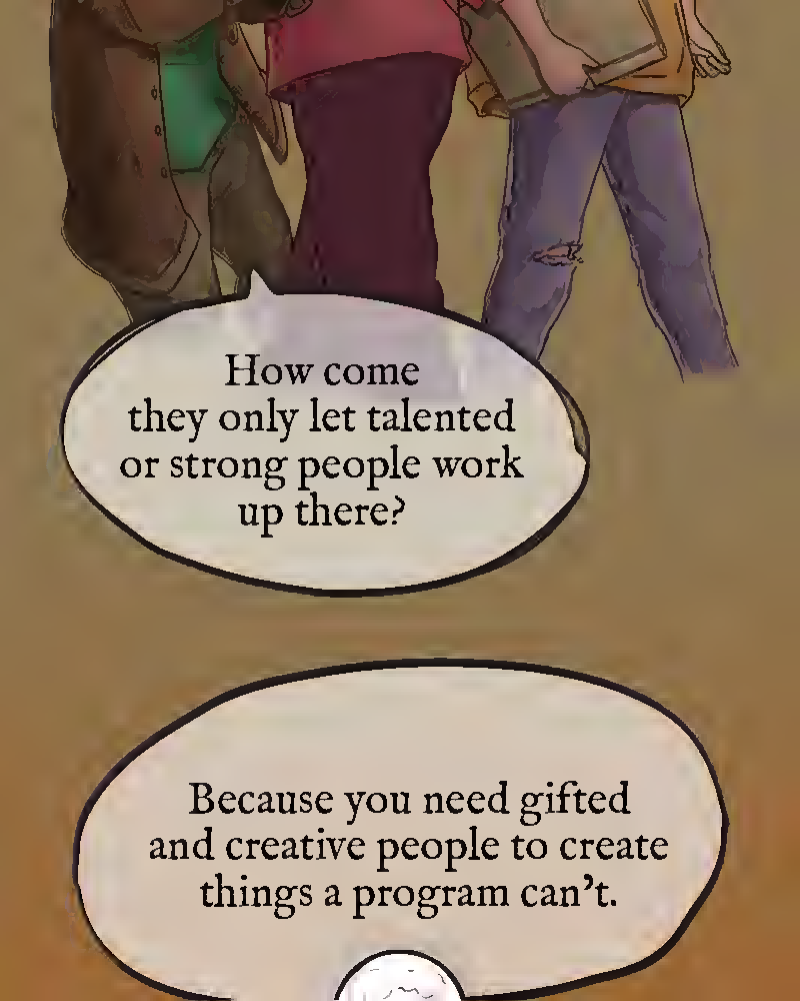
You know...
I heard rumors
that Axis Mundi uses
alien tech, and aliens
actually live up
there...

Yeahhhhh, no.
It's not alien technology.
I read that they're using
gold to power up whatever
massive energy they're
generating for

antigravity.

Then how come we're not all living in the sky then?

They have super-advanced robots that make their food and resources, so they don't need human labor anymore. So unless you're either super talented or super strong, you won't be able to live there.
I don't get it...


How come they only let talented or strong people work up there?
Because you need gifted and creative people to create things a program can't.

Like what?

Like art...
that makes you feel.
Human art has emotions
that a program can't
replicate.

A dinner made
with love, a song made
after a heartbreak...
they're created from
a stream of complex
emotional intelligence
that a program can't
replicate.

Icarus can make music. Icarus, play us a song!

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That's not the same. Icarus, write a love song.

Please try your seach again.

Write a song with lyrics.

No results.

Yeah, yeah.
Well, I'm not
the artsy type,
but there is one thing
I know for sure.

One day,
I'm gonna be
a Raven Core
Knight!

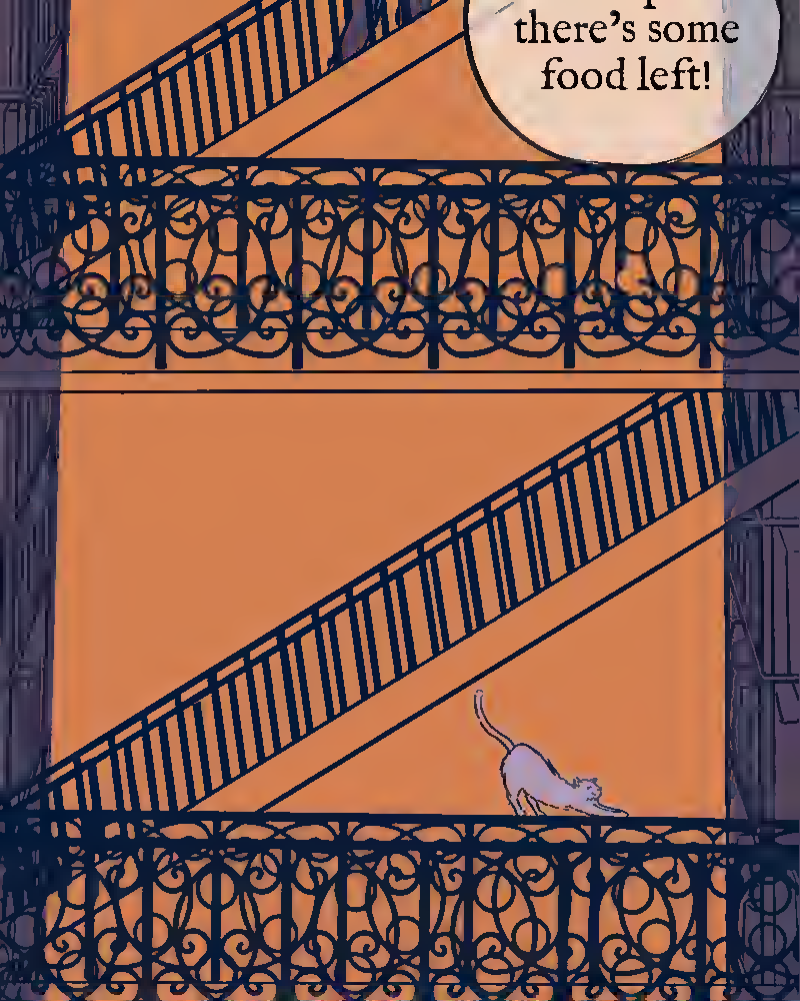
Why??

To become a soldier of Axis Mundi!
Why wouldn't I?
I can live in a castle in the heavens.
Yeahhh, but you'd have to wear an EyeD all the time.

What's so bad about that? You can change the color and shape of your eyes!
Plus, I need to make credits somehow!
A girl's gotta eat!

Trueee.

I'm hungry!
I hope


there's some
food left!

Rhea! Rhea!
Wake up! We found
you something!